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**Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter Under Federal Inspection
For Week Ending 17-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Current Week 04/17/99	Previous Week 04/10/99
Bro-Fry	149,404	145,653
Lt Hens	2,491	2,061
Hvy Hens	1,474	1,452

**U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada
Weeks Ending 10-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	571	0	571
Last Week	462	4	466
Same Wk Yr Ago	463	0	463
To Date 1999	6,887	114	7,001
To Date 1998	7,671	112	7,783

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Source: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total
Head	2,669	1,318	3,987
Last Week	2,733	1,349	4,082
Same Wk Yr Ago	2,780	1,225	4,005
To Date 1999	36,990	18,730	55,720
To Date 1998	35,875	17,465	53,340

**Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection
Week Ending 10-Apr-99 (Thousand Head)**

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	147,925 (A)	2,098	1,318	3,416
Avg Wt	4.97	3.39	7.99	5.17
Last Week	144,575	2,271	1,345	3,616
Same Week Yr Ago	138,824	2,317	1,225	3,542
Avg Wt	4.89	3.43	7.82	4.95
To-Date/1999	2,093,418	30,103	18,616	48,719
To-Date/1998	2,026,069	28,204	17,353	45,557

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.7 million head or 0.7 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

(R) Revised

**Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection,
Classified By Live Weight, Week Ending April 3, 1999**

(A) Fast Food/Food Service 4.20 Lbs & Down	(B) Retail 4.21-5.25 Lbs	(C) Deboning 5.26 Lbs & Up
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Head	30,272	19,149	39,959
Avg Weight	3.83	4.88	5.91
% Of Total /1	34%	21%	45%
Comparisons			
Last Week	34,286	26,104	43,860
Avg Weight	3.74	4.80	6.13
% Of Total /1	33%	25%	42%
Same Week, Yr Ago /2	33,949	32,890	30,538
Avg Weight	3.86	4.85	5.92
% Of Total /1	35%	34%	31%
To Date/1999	432,067	373,364	551,686
To Date/1998	432,166	424,768	381,486
/1 May Not Total To 100% Due To Rounding			
/2 Comparable Week			

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

**Live Turkeys Slaughtered Week Ending 03-Apr-99
(Thousand Head)**

	Fryer- Roasters	Young Turkeys	Old Banded	Total
Head	0	3,610	26	3,636
Avg Wt	0.00	25.25	24.46	25.24
Head Sltr Comparisons				
Last Week	0	4,500	33	4,533
Same Week Yr Ago	0	4,294	27	4,321
Avg Wt	0.00	26.01 (B)	27.93	26.02
To-Date/1999	0	58,496 (B)	386	58,882
To-Date/1998	8	67,393 (B)	495	67,896

(B) Includes 226,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 259,000 in 1998.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.
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